

Directions

From North:

- I-81 South to Exit 180 A (left exit)
- Follow US 11 South approximately 3 miles to The Natural Bridge complex
- Turn left onto Wert Faulkner Highway (Route 130)
- Turn right onto Arnold's Valley Road (County Route 759)
- Proceed 3 miles - center will be on your left

From East:

- I-64 West to I-81 South at Staunton, then follow the above directions.
- An alternate route is to follow US-460 West to Lynchburg
- Turn onto US-501 North to Glasgow
- Turn Left onto Wert Faulkner Highway (Route 130 West)
- Turn Left onto Arnold's Valley Road (County Route 759)
- Proceed 3 miles - center will be on your left

From South:

- Take I-81 North to Exit 175
- Turn left onto US-11 North 2 ½ miles to Natural Bridge
- Turn right onto Wert Faulkner Highway (Route 130 West)
- Turn right onto Arnold's Valley Road (County Route 759)
- Proceed 3 miles - center will be on your left

From West:

- Take I-64 East to I-81
- I-81 South to Exit 180 A (left exit)
- Follow US 11 south approximately 3 miles to The Natural Bridge complex
- Turn left onto Wert Faulkner Highway (Route 130)
- Turn right onto Arnold's Valley Road (County Route 759)
- Proceed 3 miles - center will be on your left

Mission of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

To protect the public through a balanced approach of comprehensive services that prevent and reduce delinquency through partnerships with families, schools, communities, law enforcement, and other agencies, while providing the opportunity for delinquent youth to develop into responsible and productive citizens.



Youth Industries Program

Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center

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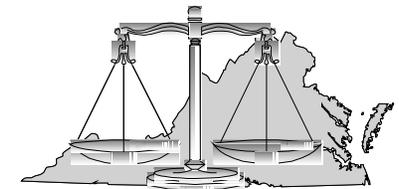
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Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center



*Located in:
Natural Bridge Station, VA*



Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice -
A Balanced Approach



Agri-business Livestock Program

Introduction

Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC) was established on the site of a 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. In the 1940s, the camp became part of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and by 1964, the Department of Welfare and Institutions-Youth Services assumed operations of the facility as a placement for status offenders and juveniles with lesser criminal offenses. In the 1970s, the facility was used as a “learning center” for youth before the courts. Since 1996, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has operated the facility as a “correctional center”.

Purpose

The facility houses male offenders who are lower security risks with all types of committing offenses. DJJ also assigns a limited number of major and serious offenders as a transitional placement prior to parole. For placement at Natural Bridge, consideration is given but not limited to the following factors:

- ability to function in an open-setting
- ability to function within a structured program
- exhibited appropriate response to programmatic interventions
- classified as low-risk

Facilities

The facility occupies approximately 100 acres of the Jefferson National Forest located in Rockbridge County near historic Natural Bridge. The JCC operates with four dormitory style living units, a gymnasium, academic as well as vocational classrooms, and several support buildings.

Academics

Thunder Ridge High School, operated by the Department of Correctional Education (DCE), offers academic classes including: Reading, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Skills, and Health/Physical Education; and also offers vocational training in the auto service, brick masonry, building maintenance, and wood working fields. GED training, special education classes, and library services are also offered to provide a full range of services for all wards to better prepare them for their return to high school, college, or employment.

“Since I have been in the program it has helped me to not only stay busy but to learn how to be an independent and productive individual... it’s put me in a great position to go home, stay busy and get out on my own eventually.”

-Juveniles from Work/Educational Release Program

Additional Program Highlights

Natural Bridge JCC offers therapeutic counseling, substance abuse treatment, and anger management educational groups. The facility also offers additional programs such as Camp New Hope, Youth Industries, Agri-business, and the pilot Work/Educational Release Program. *Camp New Hope* provides an outdoor experiential program of interpersonal, self-reliant, independent, and interdependent relationships in a wilderness setting. This program is offered to assigned youth as well as community agencies.

The *Youth Industries Program* offers wards an opportunity to overcome barriers to employment by providing vocational/academic instruction, hands-on work-based training, and guidance on using these skills when entering the job market. At Natural Bridge, this program offers training in fields such as carpentry and woodworking. Items produced in the program are sold to the community.

The *Agri-business Program* also provides work and training for wards in fields such as gardening and care of livestock (i.e. calves). The livestock component of the program is a joint venture with the Virginia Department of Corrections.

The purpose of the *Work/Educational Release Program* is to provide select juveniles with opportunities for successful transition back into the community by providing them with employment skills, educational opportunities, job placement in the community, life skills training, and transitional living while being monitored by staff. Compliance with program rules, curfews, task completion, demonstration of fiscal responsibility, and participation in life skills training are all part of this program.



Agri-business Garden Project